(b) the total number of workers working in power sector in the country; and

(c) whether all workers where power sector has been privatise have not lost their jobs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA) : (a) No, Sir. There are a number of employees working in the Power Sector in the State Electricity Boards, which are controlled by the respective State Governments/UTs. So far as, the PSUs and other organisations under the Ministry of Power are concerned, every organisaiton has framed rules and regulations for their employees based on the guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.

(b) and (c) The total number of employees working in the Minsitry of Power and its offices/organisations are 68448. There has not been any privatisation in these organisations and as such there is no question of any employee loosing job on this account.

Electrification of Orissa Villages

3466. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the trget date for complete rural elecrtification of villages in Orissa;

(b) the number of villages so far electrified and proposed to be electrified in the coming year in Orissa;

(c) the demand and supply position of electricity in villages of Orissa (district-wise) in the last two years; and

(d) the reasons for frequent load shedding and the steps taken to ensure continuous electricity supply in Orissa villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) the complete rural electrification in Orissa would depend upon the availability of financial resources and infrastructural facilities and other relevant inputs.

(b) 35125 inhabited villages as per 1991 census in the State of Orissa

have been electrified by the end of January, 2000. The target of village electrification in the State of Orissa for the coming year is yet to be finalised by the Planning Commission.

(c) and (d) District-wise power supply position is maintained by the State Electricity Boards. The details of power supply position in the State of Orissa during the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given below:—

	Energy		Peak Demand	
	1998-99	1999-2000	1998-99	1999-2000
	(MU)	(MU)	(MW)	(MW)
Requirement	10757	10838	1854	1909
Availability	11115	11143	1816	1809
Surplus	+ 358	+ 305	-38	-100
Percentage	+ 3.3%	+ 2.8%	-2.0%	-5.2%

As may be seen from the power supply position the State of Orissa was surplus in energy during 1998-99 and 1999-2000. Power was supplied for 24 hours to agriculture through out the year. At present there are no statutory power cuts in Orissa. Orissa is surplus in power availability and has not been drawing its full share in Central Sector Stations in Eastern Region.

Short Supply of Power to Uttar Pradesh

†3467. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for short supply of power to Uttar Pradesh despite of the fact that there is maximum population as well as maximum demand of power;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme on its own for full supply of power;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) how do Government consider to implement the same; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.